



EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
ART UNIT 1725

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Takayuki Takahashi et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated August 22, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire November 22, 2005, having been extended for two months so as to expire on January 22, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 4 of this paper.